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A Great Building Year

We note in a metropolitan paper that records compiled by the government up to the middle of October show the greatest number of residences erected in this country during 1922 of any year since 1913. Along with this statement is another to the effect that banks and building associations have loaned more money for home-building this year than ever before. And the building operations appear to have been general, not confined to any particular section. The prediction is made, too, that the coming year will eclipse the one just closing; that more people will build homes than ever before in a similar period. There will be little if any change in lumber or hardware prices, according to the report. If any special change comes in the cost of building a home it will have to be in the labor end of it. This sounds good, all of it, and it should be encouraging to the Laclede man who has delayed the erection of a home long planned and hoped for.

\$25,000,000, Road Program

The state highway commission will bring up for letting on December 2, approximately \$4,800,000, receiving bids on ninety-five additional stretches, principally on the secondary road system. Other bid probably will be received in January on still other sections. The commission already has two hundred forty-six projects, to cost \$14,000,000, under way, and projects are planned for next spring which will aggregate a total of \$25,000,000 in cost, and which will give employment to 12,000 to 15,000 men.

The work on which contracts are to be let in December consists of two hundred ninety-five miles of construction in fifty counties and includes two hundred sixteen miles of road of gravel higher type surface.

The highway commission has requested the state board of fund commissioners to sell an additional \$5,000,000 of bonds in December.

Work has progressed satisfactorily on both the Morgan-McCullough program and the beginning of the newer and larger system throughout the fall, the unusually open weather being very favorable to contractors. Chairman Theodore Gary states that the commission intends to have road construction in progress in every county in the state by spring. As much as possible of this work will be let by contract, the commission handling only these sections with its own employs on which it is unable to obtain favorable contracts. Sections of roads where relocations are necessary for both economy and service are being made as rapidly as possible. A special effort is being made to let contracts on sections that require heavy fills or bridging prior to hard-surfacing.

Missouri's Taxable Wealth

Under the direction of Chairman Roy H. Monier, the Missouri tax commission, has just completed tabulation of the total taxable wealth of the state

for the year 1922, which indicates a shrinkage in our real and personal property values from the year previous.

Including real and personal property which was assessed and passed upon by the state board last spring, and the corporate property valuations the total for the year is \$4,361,628,527. For 1921, and on which the taxes for that year were paid, the total valuation of the state was \$4,646,178,259.93. The percentage of decrease from last year is a fraction more than 6.12.

Farm lands show, as compared with last year, a decrease of \$125,239,262, or 7.09 per cent.

Town lots, a decrease of \$11,163,123, or .70 per cent.

Personal property, a decrease in assessment of \$154,216,669, or 16.75 per cent.

Steam railroads show an increase of \$4,501,594.61, or 1.56 per cent.

Street and electric railways, an increase of \$2,726,381.89, or 4.22 per cent.

Bridges, a decrease of \$3,684,340, or 34.77 per cent.

Telegraph companies, a decrease of \$193,484.14, or 3.19 per cent. Telephone companies show an increase of \$2,282,043.71, or 8.97 per cent.

The grand total of the taxable wealth of the state does not include the valuations placed on merchants and manufacturers for license taxes.

Better Times

There can be little doubt that unless some great calamity occurs we are on the way to better times. Roger Babson, perhaps the best posted man in America on business and finance, recently prepared a chart showing that the rise and fall of prosperity is periodical, that good times and bad times alternate according to general law and that the country tends to right itself like a tossing ship.

According to this chart there should be in the near future better business for stocks and bonds. It shows that workers are becoming scarcer than work; that railroads are being offered the largest volume of traffic in their history; that postal receipts are steadily increasing in every section of the United States; that Britain's payment of her first fifty million dollar interest installment on her debt to us has strengthened confidence in foreign exchange; that gratifying progress is being made in reducing the danger of a serious coal famine; that favorable manufacturing conditions greatly outnumber unfavorable conditions.

Of course no one expects a repetition of the making and spending that characterized the year 1918. Not a citizen of Laclede expects or really wants anything like this. But they will welcome, and Babson says they shall soon experience better times than we have had for several years. And he believes prudent buying and prudent spending will hasten such a time.

Some people contend that the worm is sure to turn. What if it does—it's just the same on both sides.

It has also been our observation that a little loving now and then is relished by the best of men.

The man who says he doesn't play second fiddle at his house is possibly a better liar than he is a musician.

There is no excuse these days for the daughter of a coal mine owner remaining single.

Administrator's or Executor's Notice

Notice is hereby given, that Letters Testamentary upon the estate of Margaret E. Ong, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Linn County, Missouri, bearing date 30th day of October, 1922.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of granting said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the granting of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

W. L. Love, Executor.

Attest:
(Seal) Arthur L. Pratt,
Judge of Probate.

Order of Publication

IN VACATION

In the Linn County Circuit Court at Brookfield, Missouri, February Term, 1923.

Hazel Boycan.....Plaintiff

vs.

Lucy Henry, Little Whitley Barr, Roy Boycan, Lattimer Boycan, Seattle George, T. M. Elliott, executor of the last will and testament of H. B. Van Valkenburg, deceased, John Parish, the Unknown Stockholders of the Iowa and Missouri Coal and Land Company if living; if not living the unknown consorts, heirs, devisees, donees, assignees and immediate, mesne or remote, voluntary and involuntary grantees of the Unknown Stockholders of the Iowa and Missouri Coal and Land Company.....Defendants

The State of Missouri, to the above named and described defendants, Greeting: Each and all of the above described and named defendants are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against each of you, in the Circuit Court of the County of Linn and State of Missouri, affecting the title to the following described real estate situated, lying and being in Linn County, Missouri, to-wit: Lots Nos. one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), twelve (12), thirteen (13), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), and seventeen (17) in Block No. Seven (7) in the Railroad Addition to the Town, now City of Laclede, Missouri, which said action is returnable on the first day of the next term of said court to be held at the court house in the City of Brookfield, in the County of Linn and State of Missouri, on the Third Monday of February, being the 19th day of February, 1923, when and where you may appear and answer or otherwise defend such action otherwise Plaintiff's petition will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published according to law in the Laclede Blade, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Linn county, Missouri, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least thirty days before the first day of the February Term of said court in 1923.

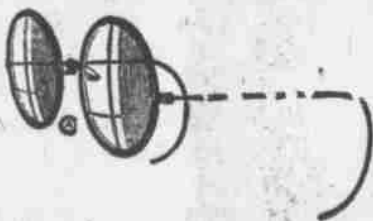
H. H. LAMB, Circuit Clerk.
State of Missouri, County of Linn, ss:

A true copy from the record.
(SEAL) Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this, the 13th day of November, 1922.

H. H. LAMB,
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